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FEBRUARY 2016 PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY 7 "APPRECIATION OF BEAUTY: SUBJECTIVE OR OBJECTIVE?"
 Why do we like one piece of music more and another less? How do we arrive at a decision like this? Are aesthetic judgments objective, or purely subjective? Can a good taste be developed? What do our judgments say about us? Fellowship pianist Slawomir Dobrzanski discusses the idea of beauty in music. Contact/convener is Jennifer Bryan at 760-6933 or snowbird@violinifer.com.

FEBRUARY 14 VISION SERIES: "AN INCUBATOR FOR THE NEXT GENERATION"
 This is the second in a series of reflections arising from the words of the Fellowship's vision statement (*view full text of vision statement on page 8*). Rev Jonalu Johnstone asks, "What values do we wish to see embodied in the next generation? How do we teach these values? What preparation will our children and grandchildren need to live in their particular place in the global village?" Contact Jonalu at 527-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

FEBRUARY 21 VISION SERIES: "VIBRANT, OPEN AND INSPIRATIONAL"
 Continuing our exploration of the UUFM Vision Statement (*see page 8*), Rev Johnstone reflects, "It's easy to slip into rote behaviors and habitual actions, much harder to be open to what may come and thrive on the energy created, whatever it may be. How do we reflect these adjectives in our vision statement? Do we feel energy here? Are we open to new ideas and new ways of being? How do we inspire our members and friends? Maybe we could even become EPIC--experiential, participatory, image-driven and connected!" Marisa Larson, at 240 305-0895 or marisa.larson@gmail.com, convenes.

FEBRUARY 28 KANSAS PULPIT EXCHANGE:
DELUDED INDIVIDUALISM AND BELOVED COMMUNITY
 Rev Jill Jarvis of the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence reflects, "Professor of Philosophy Firmin Debrabander claims in a *New York Times* article, that Americans lack a social understanding of human beings. Our belief that we're independent agents, which he calls 'Deluded Individualism,' is not only irrational but also takes a heavy emotional toll on us. In recent decades Unitarian Universalists have sought a better balance away from extreme individualism and toward a greater sense of community. But there are different and more complex challenges waiting beyond our walls, in building relationships with interfaith community partners." *Read about an exciting opportunity for Kansas UUs to come together for Social Justice, originating with this exchange of ideas, in BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY, on page 5 of this newsletter.*

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FEBRUARY NOTES ...
 Deadline for submissions to the next **UUFM ART EXHIBITION**, is *February 28*. Learn more on page 6.

The theme for this year's **WINTERFEST DINNER** on *February 6* is *Mardi Gras*. Learn more on page 4.

On Saturday, *February 6*, participate in **BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY: A SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE**, a gathering of Kansas UUs. More on page 5.



UUFM is a
WELCOMING CONGREGATION
 Learn more about the Welcoming Congregation initiative at
www.uua.org/visitors/justicediversity/6252.shtml

When UUFM chose to recruit a Developmental Minister rather than go through a regular search process for a



minister, the Fellowship committed to change. The particular goals you developed were to become more involved in the community, to accept ministerial leadership, and to grow in membership. It's one thing to say we want change and another to make

it happen. If you made New Years resolutions that have already gone by the wayside, then you have an idea of how hard change really is.

Our patterns and habits as individuals get wired into our brains. Popular thinking has it that new habits take twenty-one days to become established. Wrong! Scientific studies say it takes quite a bit longer, at least a couple of months generally, though there's a lot of variability.

How much more complicated, then, is it for a system like a congregation to make change?

In our Fellowship, we're experimenting with a lot of things--more music in services, a gathering song to bring people together, expanding involvement and recognition of our role in the community, varying how and whether we do discussion in services, adding some options for adult religious education, and beginning in February, moving coffee hour to the Alsop Room. These small changes shake things up a little so that we quit habits that may be done without awareness. We won't know if there might be better ways if we keep doing things a particular way only because it's familiar and comfortable. Change invites reflection about why we do what we do.

Making change requires looking at our environment and practices with new eyes. What would this look and feel like to someone who had never seen it before? Not only does this help us become more hospitable to guests, but it also can improve the experience and ambience for us all.

When change is going on around you, consider taking a new look. You might find you want to rearrange your old habits.

In faith and freedom, *Jonalu*

Talk to Rev Johnstone after Sunday programming, or contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net with your inspirations and concerns.

SUNDAY SERVICES: VISION SERIES

As we engage in the vision series of services, where we examine the vision statement of UUFM (view full text of the UUFM Vision Statement on page 8), Jonalu invites comments on each section of the vision. A week prior to each service, she will post on the UUFM *Coffee and Conversation* Facebook group, inviting comments on the upcoming phrase to find out how you connect with the vision. If you are not a part of that Facebook group, contact Jonalu or Aimee Fowler to be added. If you don't participate in Facebook, send your comments directly to Jonalu by email, phone, note, carrier pigeon, or any other way you regularly communicate. Contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net. Aimee Fowler may be reached at aimee.mae@gmail.com.

CONVENERS' TRAINING

Members and friends with an interest, or curiosity, about convening Sunday services are invited to a conveners' training on Sunday, FEBRUARY 21, following the service, led by Rev Jonalu with the Sunday Services Committee. We'll talk about what makes a quality service, how to address various elements of the order of service and what to pay attention to as you present. There'll be a chance for gentle and supportive feedback and sharing of resources. You may learn to better appreciate the Sunday morning experience. We meet from 12:15 to 2 pm in the sanctuary. Snacks will be provided. Let us know if you need childcare. Contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S SCHEDULE

This month, Jonalu will be available on:

Tuesday,	Feb 2 -	1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Friday,	Feb 5 -	4 to 6 pm, Radina's Bakehouse
Tuesday,	Feb 9 -	1:30 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Wednesday,	Feb 10 -	10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Aggieville
Thursday,	Feb 11 -	1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Thursday,	Feb 18 -	1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Friday,	Feb 19 -	3 to 5 pm, Radina's Bakehouse
Saturday,	Feb 20 -	10 am to 12 pm, UUFM office
Tuesday,	Feb 23 -	1:30 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Wednesday,	Feb 24 -	10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Aggieville
Thursday,	Feb 25 -	1 to 5 pm, UUFM office

During office hours, contact Jonalu at the Fellowship at 537-2349. During "out-of-office" hours--at Radina's Bakehouse in Blue Earth Plaza, and Radina's in Aggieville--drop in to share your thoughts and a cup of coffee. To arrange meetings at other times, please call or email revjonalu@uufm.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YOUTH CONFERENCE

The UU Fellowship of Topeka is holding its annual youth conference Friday, FEBRUARY 26, to Sunday, FEBRUARY 28. Titled the "Pros of Conflict," the weekend will be filled with discussions and workshops around social justice issues. All 8th to 12th grader students are invited. The CON will be held at UUFT in Topeka. Cost is \$35 and youth must be registered. For more information please email Jon Metcalf at tbm26@yahoo.com.



IN JANUARY, DAN SWENSON AND STUDENTS EXPLORED THE GLOBE, UNTIL THE CALL OF THE SLEDDING HILL GREW TOO STRONG TO IGNORE.



FEBRUARY FAMILY FUN (FOR EVERYONE!)

Don't miss our February Family Fun event! Scheduled on Saturday evening, FEBRUARY 6, this year's winter dinner is all about *Mardi Gras* and we need your help. Everyone is encouraged to make a "family float" for our *Mardi Gras* parade! How about using a wagon? Or maybe walk along "wearing" a decorated box? Or dress in colorful clothes and carry balloons? How about a family with lots of hats? The sky's the limit! Be creative. Don't delay! Reserve your seats as soon as possible with Courtney Albin, at 317-8157 or courtney.albin@gmail.com.

DRE'S SCHEDULE

In February, Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson will be in the Fellowship office **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. *Speak to Sandy most Sunday mornings, or contact her at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net*

PARENT NIGHT OUT

Join us for our next Parent Night Out gathering on Friday, FEBRUARY 5. Parent Night Out gathers from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, at the Fellowship. A \$5 per child voluntary contribution helps us cover expenses. *Please RSVP no later than the preceding Thursday, February 4*, so that Sandy Nelson can gather supplies and arrange volunteers.

WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS!! Can you volunteer one time this year? We need your help to be able to continue this much-loved program. Contact Sandy at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL) CLASSES

OWL K-1 classes have begun! Classes are held every Sunday in February in the Jupiter room. *Thank you for finding a different exit so as not to disturb our students.* Classes wrap up on March 6. Many thanks to Courtney Albin and Aimee Fowler for leading these important sessions.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY COLLECTION

RE students and our Social Action Committee are again coordinating our Souper Bowl Sunday collection of canned goods and other non-perishable food items for the Flint Hills Breadbasket. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, February 7. Bring your contributions for the collection box in the Narthex.

Remember: all RE students must be registered for the year. Registration forms are available on the RE bulletin board at the end of the hallway as well as online at www.form.jotform.us/form/51486475507160

Learn more about all family and youth activities at the Fellowship from Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS - *events are open to all interested people ...*

The **WOMEN'S COFFEE** group meets EVERY MONDAY and THURSDAY at 9:30 am, at McDonald's in Westloop. Join us for morning coffee and conversation. Contact Barbara Hacker at 587-8002 or barbarahacker@yahoo.com.

The **MEN'S LUNCH** group meets EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 12 noon, in the Jupiter room (large RE room). Come ready for spirited conversation and bring a lunch for yourself. Learn more from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

Join us for our **ACTION WEDNESDAY (AWed) POTLUCK DINNER** on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 3. Dinner begins at 6 pm, and committee meetings and social activities follow at 7 pm. The Social Action Committee is scheduled to meet this month. Anyone with an interest in UUFM social justice efforts is encouraged to attend. There are social activities for all ages. Learn more from Matt Campbell at (913) 709-4693 or mcampbell725@gmail.com.

Don't miss **BEER AND THEOLOGY**, on the first Friday of every month. This month, we meet on FEBRUARY 5, at 7 pm, at Auntie Mae's in Aggieville for fun and fellowship. Contact Jessica Sievers at 532-8471 or sieversj@gmail.com.

The UUFM **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers at 7 pm, on Friday, FEBRUARY 12, at the Fellowship. UUFM members, friends, and the wider community, those of all ages, and experienced or beginning drummers are welcome. Bring your own rhythm instrument or borrow one of ours. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net.

Join us at the Fellowship on the third Wednesday of each month for our regular **GAME NIGHT**. This month, we gather on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 17, at 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room. Bring family, friends, games, and/or non-messy finger foods to share. Learn more from Carrie Roberts at 785 485-2254 or clh8888@ksu.edu.

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Friday, FEBRUARY 26, at 10 am, at the Cattell home. We'll be discussing Jennifer Chiaverini's *Mrs Lincoln's Dressmaker*. Learn more from Judy Cattell at 320-5470 or catlark1@gmail.com, or Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net.

The UUFM **CAMPUS LUNCH** is currently on hold. For Spring Semester the K-State, Union Foodcourt and seating is being remodeled. Just two people were able to attend the lunch in January where we had a brown bag at the Math/Physics Library. How should we proceed? For the next months of this semester: **Feb, March, April, May** could 4 individuals offer space in their environment on campus or find a place for one of these months? Contact Sue Pray if you can offer space, or if you have ideas or questions, at 313-3158 or suepray@ksu.edu.



WINTERFEST DINNER - MARDI GRAS

The pleasure of your presence is requested Saturday, **FEBRUARY 6**, for UUFM's annual WinterFest Dinner. Bring the whole family, and join us for food, merriment, and fellowship with a **MARDI GRAS** theme. Build a float for the parade, or come masked and costumed. *Le Bon Temps Roulé*. Cost is \$7/adults; \$3/youth ages 6 thru 12; and free/children age 5 and younger. Contact Courtney Albin at 317-8157 or courtney.albin@gmail.com to reserve your seats.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Join us every 1st and 3rd Sunday, from 9:30 to 10:30 am, in the Alsop Room. Rev Jonalu Johnstone leads **WHAT MOVES US?** We'll explore personal experiences of significant Unitarian, Universalist, and UU thinkers past and present. A narrative and experiential way to get more acquainted with UU theology and history. Attend as many, or as few, sessions as you wish.

Feb 7 -- Physician George de Benneville's experience of boundless Divine Love that pulled him from a deep despair and led him to become one of the spiritual fathers of American Universalism.

Feb 21 -- Universalist forebear Hosea Ballou's shift from dejection to happiness when he read, on his own, the book banned by his Baptist preacher father because it had turned his son into an apostate: the Bible.

Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net. *Please let us know in advance if you will need childcare.*

UUFM SINGERS

The UUFM Singers rehearse at 9 am, on Sunday, **FEBRUARY 7, 14 and 28**. Learn more about all musical opportunities at the Fellowship from Music Committee chair Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

Our next Meadowlark service will be held on Wednesday, **FEBRUARY 24**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in the main building at 2121 Meadowlark Road. Rev Jonalu Johnstone leads the service. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

Each month on the second Sunday, our Social Action Committee selects a non-profit agency or organization to receive the morning offering. On Sunday, FEBRUARY 14, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **PEGGY BOWMAN SECOND CHANCE FUND**, providing funds for reproductive health care, including abortions, to low-income women in Kansas. Learn more at www.secondchancefund.net/.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA, AND CHOCOLATE

Equal Exchange whole bean, ground, and decaf coffees, as well as chocolate and tea are available for purchase. To learn more, or to purchase fair trade products, see Anne Cowan following Sunday morning services at the Fair Trade display in the Fellowship's narthex, or contact her at 537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net.



SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The UUFM Social Action Committee meets following the Awed Potluck dinner, on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 3, at 7 pm. All members and friends with an interest in Social Justice action are encouraged to attend. Learn more from Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

The UUFM Social Action Committee is offering support to a young person from our Fellowship, who would like to travel to an experience in another culture, attend leadership training, actively advocate for social justice, or be part of a humanitarian project. Check out UUA.org, UUSC.org (UU Service Committee), or UUCSJ.org (the UU College of Social Justice), for some of the many action/exploration opportunities available. Older teens or young adults who are interested, or would like more information may contact Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net. Youth are encouraged to tell us about other Social Justice experiences that interest them.

BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

Our Kansas pulpit exchange is leading towards more effective social justice collaboration, particularly in legislative advocacy. Kansas UU congregations have organized a gathering to plan our justice work together in 2016. Join us on Saturday, FEBRUARY 6, 9 am to 4:30 pm, at the UU Fellowship of Topeka. What are your top three issues for 2016? Who are your partners in advocacy? What do we need to learn in order to be effective? We hope to have members from each UU congregation attend and any partners we do justice work with--other faith communities or organizations. Building relationship is important to doing justice work together! Register at <http://goo.gl/forms/H5uMYPmrZz> or www.facebook.com/events/423838924487161/.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*Get involved! Volunteers are needed to continue **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS**.* This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve breakfast on Friday, FEBRUARY 5 and 19, from 7 to 8:30 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. Breakfast is free and open to the community, providing a good meal for many who might otherwise go without. All are invited, and free will donations help us continue this service. Learn more from Jennifer Bryan at 760-6933 or snowbird@violinifer.com.

Can you offer assistance for one event, or just an occasional hour or two? Many of our committees welcome one-time volunteers. Marisa Larson (marisa.larson@gmail.com), chair of our **COMMUNICATIONS** Committee, seeks help, suggestions, and inspiration with publicity and communications activities. Courtney Albin, **SOcial** Committee chair (courtney.albin@hotmail.com), sometimes needs help setting up, or cleaning up after a party or meal. Sylvia Beeman, our stalwart **GROUND**s chair (sbeewoman@hotmail.com), needs folks who can fill in watering or help with a project. Do you enjoy connecting with new friends? Ask Shirley Hobrock (shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com), our **WELCOMING** Committee chair, about opportunities to help with a welcoming and greeting event, held roughly every three months. All committee leaders will happily find a way you can help just one morning or afternoon.

There are always openings for volunteers on our Sunday morning **COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS**. New members and friends find this is a great way to get acquainted, and it's an easy way to give to the Fellowship with a minimal investment of time--three or four Sundays each year. Ask Harriette Janke at 539-0865 or ahjanke@cox.net

UUFM DIRECTORY UPDATE

The new UUFM Directory is being worked on by various volunteers. Jessica Sievers is taking pictures for anyone needing a new picture. Shirley Hobrock is updating information (new address, email, cell phone number etc.). Tom Manney is removing old pictures and putting in new ones. Kim Belanger is working on the cover. Please contact one of us if you need a picture or if there is a change in information from the old Directory. We need to receive pictures and updated contact information by February 15. Learn more from Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com.

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*SIGN UP OR **RE-REGISTER** YOUR DILLONS SHOPPER CARD FOR 2016!*

Link your Dillons Plus Shopper Card to UUFM to earn money for the Fellowship when you use your card at Dillons. There's no cost to you. Here's how ...

1. Visit www.dillons.com/communityrewards
2. Sign in OR create a new account. (Forget your login information? Call 866 221-4141.)
3. Click "enroll now."
4. Enter **UU** or our 5-digit account number, **84269**, and search.
5. Select the fully named entry (**UUF OF MANHATTAN**) and click "enroll."

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

The UUFM Aesthetics Committee announces a call for all artists to submit original art for the next in our series of **ART EXHIBITIONS** at the Fellowship. This is a mixed show, and all works ready for hanging--photographs, paintings, drawings, fiber art, collage, etc--are solicited. Art may be submitted following Sunday services thru February 28, to any Aesthetics Committee member: Kim Belanger, Harriette Janke, Anne Marchin or Lorrie Cross, at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net. Or, bring in your work during Susan Turner's office hours, Mondays 3-5 pm, and Tuesdays and Thursdays 12-5 pm.



Path to Membership

Rev Jonalu Johnstone offers a three-session class, following the morning services on Sunday, **January 31, February 7 and 14** at **12:15 pm**

If you are considering membership, or just want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and how the Fellowship works, and you could fit in, attend as many of the sessions as you can. We'll explore UU history and theology, consider what membership means, and learn about Fellowship activities. Snacks will be provided.

Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

Please talk to Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net, if you'll need childcare during classes.

CONVENERS' TRAINING

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from **12:15 to 2 pm**,
at the Fellowship.



Rev Jonalu Johnstone and the Sunday Service Committee offer training for those interested in occasionally convening for Sunday services. We'll talk about making a quality service, how to address the order of service, and what to pay attention to as you present. There'll be a chance for gentle and supportive feedback and sharing of resources. It may even help you better appreciate the Sunday morning experience. Snacks will be provided. Let us know if you need childcare. Contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

What Moves Us: Unitarian Universalist Theology

meets on the **1st and 3rd Sunday** of each month
from **9:30 to 10:30 am**, in the Inez Alsop room.
beginning Sunday, **February 7**.

Each week we will encounter a different historic or contemporary UU theologian to consider a theological turning point in their life. Among the people we'll learn about are Hosea Ballou, William Ellery Channing, Margaret Fuller, James Luther Adams, and Forrest Church. Come to as many, or as few sessions as work for you; each will stand alone.

No need to register, unless you will need childcare.

Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS



- Feb 7: Laura and Mike Bonella, and Jane Pelletier
- Feb 14: Anne Cowan, Amanda Mansfield, and Dixie Moreau
- Feb 21: Barbara Hacker, Terri Franz, Margene Moss, Catherine Crites
- Feb 28: Harriette Janke, Tom Phillips, and Susan Adamchak

Please NOTE: Our after service coffee hour moves into the Inez Alsop room, beginning in February. THANK YOU to all of our coffee and greeting team volunteers. Learn more from Harriette Janke at 539-0865 or ahjanke@cox.net

NEED A RIDE TO THE FELLOWSHIP ?

The Caring Committee has organized a group of volunteer drivers to help folks get to our Sunday morning services. Contact Linda Kroeger at 565-5645 or llkroeger@gmail.com.

OVERFLOW PARKING

Kaw Valley Greenhouse has given permission for Fellowship members and friends to park in their lot, across Zeandale Road, when our parking is full. Be considerate of those unable to walk distances, if you are able to walk from the Greenhouse.

Administrator's Schedule

In February, Susan Turner will be available in the Fellowship office on:

- Monday, Feb 1 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Feb 2 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Feb 4 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, Feb 8 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Feb 9 - 4 to 7 pm
- Thursday, Feb 11 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, Feb 15 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Feb 16 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Feb 18 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Feb 25 - 12 to 5 pm
- Saturday, Feb 27 - 11 am to 6 pm
- Monday, Feb 29 - 3 to 5 pm

Call Susan at 537-2349 during office hours, or drop by the office. She may be reached at any time by email at office@uufm.net.

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Contact Fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net to **UPDATE YOUR MAILING, PHONE, or EMAIL** information, or to **CANCEL YOUR SUBSCRIPTION** to this newsletter. Members and friends may also reach Susan during her posted office hours (*seen at bottom left*) at 537-2349.

If you have been considering **BECOMING A MEMBER** of UUFM, please talk to our Welcoming and Membership Committee chair Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com, to learn more.

Fellowship members may receive **UU WORLD MAGAZINE**, without cost. An audio version of *UU World* is available for those with vision or reading difficulties. Subscribe by contacting Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net. Read *UU World* online at www.uuworld.org.

Join in discussions of interest; receive information on community events, and last minute updates and announcements on our UUFM **EMAIL LIST**. Contact list moderator Ruth Welti at welti@ksu.edu to subscribe.

Consider the convenience of **ELECTRONIC GIVING**. UUFM relies on the financial support of our congregation and electronic contributions offer a simple and easy way to give on a regular basis. For details, contact Fellowship bookkeeper Sandy Nelson at sandralounelson@yahoo.com or 341-0135, or pick up literature and a form from the information carousel in the Inez Alsop room at the Fellowship. *Thank you!*

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please contact fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net, **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY EVENING** with announcements and information for inclusion in the Sunday morning order of service bulletin.

CARING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

If you need a ride or could use a hand, or if you know members or friends who are experiencing life challenges and would appreciate assistance or support, please let our Caring Committee know. Contact Caring Committee chair Linda Kroeger at 565-9645 or llkroeger@gmail.com, or let us know at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

BUILDING USE AND SCHEDULING

Please check with Susan Turner to be sure your desired date is available before finalizing plans for any use of the Fellowship building, including **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**, Fellowship activities, or private events that will be held in the Fellowship building. To confirm building availability and schedule your activity, or for more information, contact Sue at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the March edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Sunday, **FEBRUARY 21**. Submissions received later will not be included in the newsletter. Send your submissions to Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net. *Committee chairs and activity organizers*, please let Susan know about your activities and volunteer needs.

WORDS FROM OUR CHAIR

The new year isn't just here, it is upon us with brilliance! New energy, new ideas, and new projects are taking root. The many volunteers in this generous Fellowship are busy doing what they do: quietly sustaining us and making change in the broader world. We have enjoyed very robust attendance on Sundays, the sanctuary filled with voices and hardly a spare seat in the house.

In February, I look forward to new events (the February 6 meeting of UUs from across Kansas to organize for social justice) [SEE PAGE 5--BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY] and traditional ones (our Winter Dinner that same evening) [SEE PAGE 4].

One new effort underway is the rekindling of UUFM's long term planning effort. The newly formed Strategic Planning Committee is made up of a diverse cross-section of our congregation. The committee will look at what we need to consider as we grow. They will think about our short, mid-range, and long-term needs. The committee will be asking for your feedback as they draft a deliberate strategy, so please stay tuned.

Some changes need to happen right away to help us make the most of our current capacity at UUFM. Starting in February, we will move coffee and conversation to the Alsop Room. This will allow all who like to linger a chance to converse, without 'stepping on one another's toes,' as I must admit I have quite literally done in the Narthex. Moving coffee and conversation to the Alsop Room will also give those who would like to sit comfortably the chance to do so.

Also, if you are one who arrives early for Sunday service, could I ask you to consider filling in the front seats? Not only is it wonderful for our Rev Johnstone and guest speakers to see your smiling faces, filling in up front may leave a few more spaces in back for newcomers who might feel more tentative about sitting in front.

Even as small changes happen, our traditions remain. I enjoyed sledding on the UUFM hill today with Ruby and her friend Arelia. I even hit the snowy slope, myself, for the first time in years. And as I returned the sleds to our shed, I noticed the care with which all inside is organized. The marks of community are small and wide.

As we forge into the new year, if you'd like to talk with the Board or with me about your vision for UUFM, please contact me.

Love will guide us, *Katie*

Talk to UUFM Board Chair Katie Kingery-Page after Sunday services, or contact Katie at 341-5650 or kingerypage@gmail.com with your inspirations and concerns, or chat with any Board member.

ALL ABOUT US ...

Please welcome our member, **DIXIE MOREAU**. Dixie was born in Davenport, Iowa, but was raised all over the country as her father travelled in the roofing business. She graduated from St George High School, the only one in her family to go past 9th grade. She went on to Kansas State University, in large part because her parents, sisters, and ex-husband believed she was capable, "... and told me I could do whatever I wanted." She graduated with a Master's degree and went on to have a successful marriage and family practice for 25 years before retiring. She particularly loved working with foster kids and their families. Now, she is excited about taking a fiction writing course and learning to write. Dixie first visited the Fellowship with her daughter who was at Kansas State. She then moved to Wichita where she attended a UU church. Dixie joined the UU book club and was influenced by the powerful intellect and compassion of the women she met in that group. She decided to join because she wanted to be part of a beloved community. Dixie is newly engaged to Gene Sievers, "Another good man in my life." She wants us to know that she is "... looking forward to my daughters-in-law, Jessica and Michaela Sievers. They are wonderful!" *We are so glad you are with us, too, Dixie!*

UUFM VISION STATEMENT

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan, rooted in living tradition, embraces diversity in all its forms as it expands our thinking and our sense of community.

We are:

- † A safe haven for spiritual, intellectual, and emotional growth through honest self-examination, provocative dialogue, enriching experiences, and ever-deepening connections ...
- † An incubator for the next generation of UUs, fostering spiritual and ethical exploration tailored to age and stage and promoting intergenerational unity ...
- † Vibrant, open, and inspirational in what we say and do ...
- † A bold model of love, compassion, social action, and justice for ourselves, our society, and our planet ...
- † Builders of bridges across faiths and boundaries to honor our shared humanity and common values ...
- † A visible beacon of liberal religious messages of hope and meaning in our local community.

Calendar

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
31 A Safe Haven 10:45-12:00 pm Path to Membership 12:15-1:15 pm	1 Susan Turner 3:00-5:00 pm	2 Susan Turner 12:00-5:00 pm Jonalu Johnstone 1:00-5:00 pm Sandy Nelson 3:30-4:30 pm	3 Men's Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm AWeD Potluck 6:00-9:00 pm	4 Susan Turner 12:00-5:00 pm Jonalu Johnstone 1:00-5:00 pm Sandy Nelson 3:30-4:30 pm	5 Happy Kitchen 7:00-8:30 am Jonalu at Radina's 4:00-6:00 pm Parent Night Out 6:30-9:30 pm Beer and Theology 7:00-9:00 pm	6 Building the Beloved Community 9:00-4:30 pm WinterFest Dinner 5:30-9:00 pm	
7 Singers Rehearse 9:00-10:30 am What Moves Us? 9:30-10:30 am Appreciation of Beauty 10:45-12:00 pm Path to Membership 12:15-1:15 pm	8 Susan Turner 3:00-5:00 pm	9 Jonalu Johnstone 1:30-5:00 pm Sandy Nelson 3:30-4:30 pm Susan Turner 4:00-7:00 pm	10 Jonalu at Radina's 10:00-12:00 pm Men's Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm	11 Susan Turner 12:00-5:00 pm Jonalu Johnstone 1:00-5:00 pm Sandy Nelson 3:30-4:30 pm	12 Drum Circle 7:00-9:00 pm	13	
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Please contact Sue Turner (office@uufm.net) or Mark Clarke (web@uufm.net) to have an event added to the calendar.